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ADDRESSES

OF

SUPERINTENDENTS OF CIRCUITS, &c.

Ancaster, ...J. Brennan, Hamilton or Waterdown P. O.
Arthur, ...T. O. Adkins, River Maitland P. O., Owen Sound.
Brock, ...C. Curry, Pefferlaw P. O.
Bolton, ...F. Hunt, Georgeville P. O.
Barton .....J. C. Watts, Hamilton P. O.
Cavan, ...W. Gundy, Cavan P. O.
Caledon, ...A. Wright, Erin P. O.
Cayuga, ...W. Preston, Seneca P. O., care of Mr. Turner.
Crosby, ...J. Hales, Beverly P. O., Johnstown D.
Dunham, ...L. P. Adams, Owensville P. O.
Dnrham, ...J. Breakenridge, Bentinck P. O., O. S.
Drummond, ... Ennisville P. O.
Elizabethtown, ...J. Simpson, North Agusta P. O.
Fitzroy, ...T. Brown, Perth P. O., Drummond.
Hamilton, ...T. Goldsmith, Hamilton P. O.
Henrysburgh, ...O. Whitcombe, Lacolle P. O.
Howard, ...H. Wilkinson, Clearville P. O.
Lake Erie Mission, ..J. G. Weaver,
London, ...W. McClure, London P. O.
London North, ...J. Kershaw, Elginfield P. O.
Lansdown, ...J. Shilton, Gananoque P. O.
Malahide, ...E. Williams, Vienna P. O.

Manvers, ...W. Robinson, Manvers P. O.
Marlbro, ...
Nassagaweya, ...D. Bettes, Nassagaweya P. O.
Newcastle, ...J. Wilkinson, Cobourg P. O.
Norwich, ...B. Haigh, Tilsonburgh Durham Oxford.
Oxford, ...D. D. Rolston, Kemptville P. O.
Potton, ...H. Bursall, South Potton P. O.
Prince Edward, ...J. Oates, Picton P. O.
Stanstead, ...J. Histon, Georgeville P. O., C. E.
Sydenham, ...J. Baskerville, Sydenham, O. S., P. O.
Stukely, ...T. Ogden, Stukely Mills P. O., C. E.
St. Thomas, ...N. C. Gowan, St. Thomas P. O.
Toronto, ...J. H. Robinson, Toronto P. O., box 216.
Trafalgar, ...T. M. Jefferis, Hornby P. O.
Waterford, ...J. Bell, Waterford P. O.
Welland, ...T. Rump, St. Catharines P. O.
Whitchurch, ...C. Childs, Whitchurch P. O.
York, ...T. Reid, Yorkville P. O.
Pres. of Confer. and Gen. Superintend., } J. H. Robinson, box 216, Toronto P.O.
Assistant do. W. McClure, London P. O.
Treas. of Connexion, .T. Lottridge, Hamilton P. O.
Financial Secretary, ..R. H. Brett, Toronto P. O.
Missionary do. ..T. T. Howard, " "

MINUTES, &c.

According to appointment of the Annual Conference held in South Crosby Chapel, Johnstown District, the Conference met at Bethel Chapel, Welland Canal, 2nd June, 1852.

Question I.

Who compose the present Conference?

Answer.

Ancaster, ...H. Wilkinson, J. Cummings.
Arthur, Owen Sound, ...T. O. Adkins.
Blanshard, ...By Letter.
Barton,* .....A. Neff.
Brock, ...J. C. Warren.
Bolton, ...
Cayuga, ...W. Preston, R. Decow.
Caledon, ...C. Curry, R. Wansbrough.
Cavan, ...J. Oates.
Crosby, ...J. Hales.
Durham, Owen Sound, ...J. Baskerville.
Drummond, ...J. Shilton.
Dunham,* .....
Ekfrid, ...T. Brown.
Elizabethtown, ...J. Simpson.
Fitzroy and Goulburn, ...W. Bothwell, D. D. Rolston.

* Circuits marked thus were represented by letter.

Howard,.....J. C. Watts.
Hamilton,.....T. Goldsmith, M. Aikman.
*Henrysburgh,**.....
London South,.....W. McClure, L. Adams.
London North,.....J. Kershaw.
Lake Erie Mission.....F. G. Weaver, G. Calbick.
Lansdown,.....N. C. Gowan.
Malahide,.....E. Williams, J. Yokam.
Manvers,.....J. Bell, W. Maguire.
*Montreal,**.....
Norwich,.....J. Wilkinson, P. Johnson.
Nassagaweya,.....D. Bettes, C. Harris.
Newcastle,.....T. Reid, R. C. Moon.
Oxford,.....F. E. Powers.
Prince Edward,.....W. Gundy.
*Potton,**.....
St. Thomas,.....J. Caswell, W. Webb.
Sydenham, Owen Sound,.....By Letter.
South Bay,.....G. D. Lazier.
*Stanstead and Barnston,**....
*Stukely,**.....
Toronto City,.....T. Demmery.
Trafalgar,.....T. M. Jefferis, J. Mason.
Waterford,.....B. Haigh, I. Wallace.
Welland Canal,.....T. Rump, D. Gregory.
Whitchurch,.....C. Childs,
York,.....J. Shaw, D. Falkner.

JOHN REID, Local Elder.

OFFICERS OF THE CONNEXION.

J. H. ROBINSON,.....*General Super. of the Mission.*
W. MCCLURE,.....*Assistant do.*
T. LOTTRIDGE,.....*Treasurer of the Connexion.*
R. H. BRETT,.....*Financial Secretary.*
T. T. HOWARD,.....*Missionary Secretary.*

The following brethren, being Elders, were entitled to a seat in Conference, but were not present:—

R. Bloomfield, B. P. Brown, T. Cole, C. Cope, R. Garry, J. Gear, I. Haney, H. M. Kimball, I. Marshall, W. Martin, J. Sheldon, A. Smith, J. Williams.

Question II. *Have the characters of the Ministers been examined?*

Answer. They have, according to rule.

Question III. *What Preachers have been received into full connexion?*

Answer. C. Curry.

Question IV. *Who have been ordained Elders?*

Answer. J. C. Watts, T. O. Adkins, and J. Kershaw.

Question V. *Who remain on trial?*

Answer. J. Breakenridge, and B. P. Browne, (these have travelled four years,) J. C. Watts, (who has travelled three years,) J. Oates, T. O. Adkins, J. Baskerville, A. Wright, J. Kershaw, J. Shaw, W. Barnett, John Bell, D. Bettes, D. Savage, J. McAllister, O. Whitcombe, (these have travelled two years.)

Question VI. *Who are received on trial?*

Answer. John Doel, and James Crawford.

Question VII. *What Preachers have died during the year?*

Answer. James Jackson,—

Who was one of the earliest pioneers of Methodism, traversing under the most inauspicious circumstances, scarcely imaginable at this day, nearly the whole length and breadth of Canada. Being then youthful, vigorous, and willing, as well as able, he spared no labour either of body or mind, to make the sound of the Gospel, simultaneous with that of the woodman's axe; nor was he too proud to partake in the humblest cottage, the woodman's fare. This veteran of the cross of Christ, believing that he was called of God to preach the Gospel, offered himself as a candidate for the Ministry to the U. States M. E. Church—by whom he was accepted, and under whose jurisdiction he labored creditably and successfully till the year 1829. Deeply imbued with love to God, and love to immortal souls, James Jackson well sustained the character of a Christian Missionary—for he "counted not his life dear unto himself." Truly

philantrophic and zealous, he came to plant the standard of the cross, and preach the doctrines of Methodism in this land, regardless of pecuniary consequences. He endured hardness as a good soldier—penetrating trackless forests,—fording bridgeless waters—seeking out families, submerged in dense woods—isolated from the living world. To these, he preached the unsearchable riches of Christ, in their own houses, for want of Chapels. The converted portions of these families, are now filling up the ranks of Christian Churches. A great company will praise God to all eternity, that they ever heard his voice, among whom are many of the best friends of our cause. One event in our departed brother's career, was his union in 1829 with the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist Church, with whom he labored to establish the principle of mutual rights in religious churches. In their struggles he participated until the union of the Canadian Wesleyan Church, with the Methodist New Connexion in 1840. In connexion with this united Church he labored till increasing infirmities obliged him to retire on the Supernumerary List. For a short period after this, he lived in retirement, till the Great Head of the Church, called him to his rest in Heaven. He fell asleep in Jesus on the 6th of July, 1851, at his residence in the Township of Middleton, Norfolk, C. W.

As an apology for the brevity of the foregoing notice, it is designed to furnish our anxious friends with a suitable biography, as soon as the requisite documents can be obtained.

H. Coates.

Brother Henry Coates, was a native of the west of England, from which place he emigrated to Canada while in the bloom of life, being then a Local Preacher, in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He first became acquainted with our body, and united with us, when Brethren J. Bell, and J. Simpson, travelled upon the Lansdowne and Rideau Circuit, viz. in 1841; the same year he was taken out to travel on that Circuit as a supply. He afterwards located until the year 1846, at which time he was again employed to labor on the Trafalgar Circuit, to supply the place of Bro. E. Baily, have had been forced to desist from travelling in consequence of ill health. At the ensuing Conference he was received as an Itinerant Minister on trial, and was by that Conference sent to labor on the Owen Sound Mission. During that year his labors were of the most arduous character; but having no other object in view but the glory of God, the salvation of souls, and the extension of the kingdom of Christ, by the assistance of Divine Grace, he met every difficulty and endured every privation with christian fortitude and christian resignation, having an eye to the recompense of reward. The year following he travelled again on Trafalgar Circuit, and the year afterwards he was appointed to London North. The last sphere of Bro. Coates' labors

was the Howard Mission ; a short time after his appointment to that Mission he became the victim of a disease, which resulted in congestion of the brain, and that in the termination of his temporal existence, which event took place on the 30th August, 1851 ; when his happy spirit fled to the regions of the blest, there in company with the redeemed to sing the praises of God forever.

— Bowen.

Of whom no biographical note could be prepared, from the absence of information.

Question VIII. *How are the Preachers stationed this year ?*

Answer. In the following order, viz. :

LONDON DISTRICT.

London, ...W. McClure, J. Caswell.
Waterford, ...J. Bell ; one to be sent.
St. Thomas,.....N. C. Gowan.
Norwich, ...B. Haigh.
Malahide,.....E. Williams.
Howard,.....H. Wilkinson.
London and Blanshard,.....J. Kershaw.

W. McClure, Chairman.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Hamilton,.....T. Goldsmith.
Ancaster, ...J. Brennan, W. Barnett.
Welland Canal,.....T. Rump, J. Bell.
Barton, ...J. C. Watts.
Nassagaweya,.....D. Bettes, J. Shaw.
Cayuga, ...W. Preston.
Sydenham, Owen Sound,.....J. Barkerville, under the superintendence of J. Breakenridge.
Durham, Owen Sound,.....J. Breakenridge.
Arthur, Owen Sound,.....T. O. Adkins.
Lake Erie Mission,.....F. G. Weaver.

T. Goldsmith, Chairman.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Toronto City,.....General Super., D. Savage.
Yorkville,.....T. Reid.
Whitchurch,.....C. Childs.
Trafalgar, ...T. Jefferis, one to be sent.
Caledon,.....A. Wright.
Brock, ...C. Curry.
J. H. Robinson, Chairman.

CAVAN DISTRICT.

Cavan,.....W. Gundy.
Manvers, ...W. Robinson, J. Doel.
Newcastle, ...J. Wilkinson.
Prince Edward,.....J. Oates, J. McAllister.
J. Wilkinson, Chairman.

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT.

Lansdown, ...J. Shelton, J. C. Warren.
Elizabethtown, ...J. Simpson, one to be sent.
Oxford, ...D. D. Rolston.
Crosby,.....J. Hales, J. Crawford.
Drummond, ...One to be sent.
Fitzroy, ...T. Brown.
Marlbro, ...One to be sent.
J. Hales, Chairman.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Stanstead, ...J. Histon.
Stukely, ...T. Ogden.
Bolton,.....F. Hunt.
Dunham,.....L. P. Adams.
Potton,.....H. Bursall.
Henrysburgh,.....O. Whitcombe.
Montreal, ...One to be sent.
L. P. Adams, Chairman.

N. B. The entire appointments of the Eastern District are made subject to any changes deemed necessary by the Annual Committee.

CONNEXIONAL OFFICERS.

J. H. ROBINSON, ...*President of Conference, and General Super. of Missions.*
W. MCCLURE, ...*Assistant do.*
T. LOTTRIDGE, ...*Treasurer of Connexion.*
R. H. BRETT, ...*Financial Secretary.*
T. T. HOWARD, ...*Missionary Secretary.*

CIRCUITS.	Chapels.	Chap.Build.	Classes.	Congrega.	Ct. Preach.	L. Preach.	Members.	On Trial.	M. of Con.	Deaths.	Removals.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch.	S. S. Teach.
Ancaster,.....	4	...	8	10	2	2	148	1	450	4	....	1	70	6
Arthur, ...	2	...	3	9	1	1	58	....	.....	1	4	2	78	10
Barnston and Stanstead	...	...	4	10	1	...	50	....	150	4	3	3	60	10
Barton,.....	3	1	2	4	1	...	81	....	183	...	....	1	30	6
Bolton,.....	...	...	1	7	1	2	78	....	110	4	3	1	36	8
Blanshard,.....	...	1	2	12	1	1	41	1	144	...	....	1	45	6
Brock, ...	1	1	4	11	2	1	56	6	149	...	6	4	100	16
Cavan,.....	3	...	13	15	1	3	180	....	700	1	5	...	.....	....
Caledon, ...	3	...	6	13	1	2	89	16	398	3	2	2	110	10
Cayuga,.....	...	...	5	9	1	1	70	....	200	1	....	1	30	3
Crosby, ...	1	...	9	15	2	1	160	24	600	...	5	4	160	29
Durham,.....	...	...	5	12	1	...	38	....	300	...	3	1	30	3
Dunham,.....	2	...	9	19	1	5	133	....	.....	2	3	...	.....	....
Drummond	...	...	4	10	1	1	56	5	327	1	2	1	25	2
Ekfred,.....	...	1	1	7	1	1	20	....	60	...	.....	.....	.....	....
Elizabeth Town,...	...	...	6	10	1	3	110	1	513	...	14	4	120	18
Fitzroy and Goulbourn,.....	1	...	7	12	2	...	79	....	420	1	10	...	.....	....
Hamilton,.....	1	...	3	1	1	...	40	....	250	...	5	1	80	....
Henrysburgh, ...	1	...	6	10	1	...	57	3	111	1	12	...	.....	....
Howard, ...	...	...	8	12	1	4	89	5	436	2	.....	.....	.....	....
London South, ...	2	...	10	10	2	12	200	16	502	4	....	3	290	48
London North,....	1	...	2	9	1	1	59	4	270	...	.....	.....	.....	....
Lansdowne,.....	2	1	9	13	1	1	143	56	600	3	16	...	.....	....
Manvers,.....	2	1	20	22	2	4	307	20	1000	2	14	1	45	4
Malahide, ...	1	...	6	11	1	1	86	....	144	2	1	2	90	20
Nassagaweya,.....	6	...	10	10	1	3	278	50	300	3	....	2	90	13
Newcastle,.....	3	...	6	10	1	4	86	12	120	4	.....	.....	.....	....
Norwich,.....	1	...	5	10	1	4	105	32	200	...	22	3	100	10
Oxford,.....	1	...	4	8	1	2	73	10	267	...	2	1	50	10
Potton,.....	2	...	4	8	1	3	53	1	200	2	6	2	50	6
Prince Edward,....	3	...	7	12	1	2	198	1	600	3	40	2	85	12
St. Thomas,.....	3	...	7	9	1	2	90	....	250	...	8	.....	.....	....
Stukely,.....	...	...	4	9	1	...	62	2	160	2	1	...	.....	....
South Bay, ...	...	...	4	5	1	2	101	....	200	...	13	...	.....	....
Sydenham, ...	1	1	4	8	1	3	37	....	100	1	.....	.....	.....	....
Toronto, ...	1	...	5	1	1	2	63	....	153	1	4	1	112	18
Trafalgar, ...	4	...	7	14	1	2	154	46	300	2	8	3	160	20
Welland Canal,....	3	...	12	18	2	2	159	25	492	3	21	.....	.....	....
Waterford,.....	1	...	9	10	1	2	153	3	459	1	22	...	.....	....
Whitchurch,.....	2	...	6	6	1	1	61	....	200	...	1	...	.....	....
York,.....	2	...	2	2	1	2	17	....	50	...	3	1	40	5
Erie Mission,.....	...	...	2	9	1	...	34	7	100	...	5	2	60	7
Total.....	63	7	149	422	49	83	4149	347	12137	57	259	50	2066	300

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

I. On General Matters.

Res. 1. That the Rev. J. H. Robinson preside over the deliberations of this Conference.

2. That the Rev. J. C. Watts be our Secretary.

3. That the Rev. H. Wilkinson be our Recording Secretary.

4. That the Rev. N. C. Gowan be our Conference Reporter.

5. That the Prince Edward and South Bay Circuits be reunited.

6. That the Ekfrid and St. Thomas Circuits be reunited.

7. That the Fitzroy and Goulburn Circuits be divided, and that all the appointments north of the twelfth line of Goulburn compose the Fitzroy Circuit, and the remaining appointments of the present Circuit, compose and be called the Marlborough Circuit.

8. That instead of the column in the Minutes headed "Members of Families," the "Average number of Congregations," be inserted.

6. That Bro. Breakenridge's probation be extended another year on account of his absence from Conference.

10. That Bro. B. P. Brown's probation be extended another year for the same reason.

11. That in the event of any Local Elders desiring to attend this Conference, it shall be their duty to notify in writing the January quarterly meeting of the Circuit, on which they reside, of such intention, and the quarterly meeting, if they see fit, shall elect from among themselves a suitable layman to accompany him; and both local elder and layman shall be furnished with certificates in the same way as the regular itinerant ministry.

12. That the Rev. J. Wilkinson and T. T. Howard prepare a memoir of our deceased Brother, James Jackson, for insertion in the "*Christian Sentinel.*"

13. District Meetings,—Their Constitution and functions:—

These meetings shall be composed of all the travelling Preachers in the District, and of lay representatives appointed by the Quarterly Meetings. Whenever it is practicable the lay-representative of a Circuit at the Conference shall be its representative to the District Meeting, and should more than one Circuit Preacher go to a District Meeting from a Circuit, such Circuit shall be entitled to the right of sending a corresponding number of lay members to the District Meeting. All our travelling Ministers shall be required to attend these meetings.

A chairman shall be appointed by the conference to each District, who shall be responsible for the proper conduct of these meetings; but should the General Superintendent of Misssions be present at any District Meeting he shall preside on the occasion.

Ordinarily, there shall be two District Meetings in each year, *the first* to be held on the 2nd Wednesday in October, *the last*, to be held on the 2nd Wednesday in May. All other District Meetings during the year shall be deemed special.

A special District Meeting for the transaction of urgent business, may be appointed at any period of the year, by the Annual Committee of the Connexion, or by the request of the Chairman of the District, and any two Ministers within the District—and of which at least ten days notice shall be given to every Superintendent in the District. The consent of the Annual Committee shall, in all cases be requisite to the validity of a special District Meeting; and *no other* business shall be transacted but that specified in the notice calling such Meeting.

The function of ordinary District Meetings shall be to maintain the discipline of the Connexion in the Districts, both as regards Ministers and Members. To this end, they shall be competent to arrange for Missionary, or special services in the District, with a view to promote the work of God among our people. They shall receive, and adjudicate upon appeals made to them by the Quarterly Meetings of the Circuits.—They shall take cognisance of the personal and official conduct of all Ministers, and enqure into the conduct, studies, and general qualifications of all probationers, in the District, and report thereon to the Annual Conference. And should any Circuit deem it necessary to suspend a Preacher from his duties, the District Meeting on the appeal, either of the Preacher or the Circuit, shall examine the case, and give its advice to the parties, and to the Annual Conference.

The May District Meetings shall take special care to have all the statistics, finances, and Connexional business of the District properly arranged; so as to facilitate as far as possible the business of the Annual Conference.

14. That this Conference, feeling deeply the injustice done to a large majority of the inhabitants of Canada so long as the act concerning the Clergy Reserves and Rectories remains unrepealed, desires to reiterate and adopt as its unchanging views, the petition drawn up in 1850; and now directs that

copies of the same be written out and signed by our President and Secretary, and be transmitted in the usual way to the Executive, and to both Houses of the ensuing Legislature.

15. That all letters addressed to the President as the General Superintendent of Missions, be prepaid.

16. That the attention of our Ministers be requested to more strenuous exertions than ever, on behalf of Sabbath Schools, and that the returns of these institutions be made in the month of November.

17. That this Conference having received a communication from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, according to instructions, given at their late session in London; in which communication we find a request, that all Ministers do give two lectures in favor of the Maine Liquor Law, in June or July next, we have great pleasure in recommending the above suggestion to all our Ministers, trusting they will comply with it as far as practicable.

18. That the next Conference be held in Toronto, commencing the first Wednesday in June, 1853.

19. That the Rev. W. McClure, preach the ordination sermon on that occasion.

II. On Finance.

20. That by the resolution inserted in the Conference records for 1851, regarding the increase of the salary of our Ministers, this Conference understands, and hereby declares, that the scale for division of monies raised for the supply of our Ministers, is three to one—that is three quarters of the amount raised (commencing with the year,) be the married Preachers' allotment, and the other quarter be the single Preachers' share.

21. That in view of the reduced and low state of the Paternal Fund, it is desirable that in addition to the annual collection, that a general subscription be taken up annually, throughout the entire Connexion ; and all subscriptions of 1s. 3d. and upwards shall be published in detail in the Minutes of Conference; and the Conference earnestly urges all our people to exert themselves to the utmost to supply the resources necessary to support this most important Connexional Fund.

22. That from this session of Conference in future for all time to come, in case of the death of the wife of any of our Ministers, he being ordained, in full connexion, and then travelling a Circuit, or Mission, that notwithstanding such decease, such Minister shall be entitled to receive the whole amount of his salary for that year, from the Circuit, upon which he labors, the same as if his wife were yet living.

23. That the true spirit and meaning of the clause of discipline, referring to the payment of Representatives to Conference is: that both the Minister and the Layman, should be paid their expenses to Conference, and back to the Circuit from which they were sent.

24. To prevent confusion or mistake, it is hereby resolved that the General Superintendent send the share of the Grant to each Preacher stationed on a Circuit, as well as to the Superintendents of the Circuits.

III. The Executive.

25. That the Rev. W. McClure, T. Goldsmith, J. Bell, with J. Cummings, and W. Webb, be the stationing Committee.

26. That the President with brethren McClure, T. T.

Howard, R. H. Brett, J. Bell, and M. Aikman, be a committee to superintend the printing of a new edition of our Discipline, embodying all the Connexional legislation subsequent to the last edition.

27. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to T. Lottridge, Esq., for his valuable services as Treasurer of the Connexion, and that he be re-appointed to that office.

28. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to R. H. Brett, Esq., for his valuable services as Financial Secretary, and that he be re-appointed to that office.

29. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. T. Howard, for his valuable services as Missionary Secretary, and that he be re-appointed to that office.

30. That the following brethren, be the Annual Committee: namely, the President, with Rev. W. McClure, T. Goldsmith, and Messrs. Brett, and Aikman.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Missionary Committee of the past year; and that the following brethren be appointed the Missionary Committee the ensuing year: namely, Rev. J. H. Robinson, W. McClure, T. Goldsmith, T. T. Howard, James Bell, H. Wilkinson, Messrs. Lottridge, Capt. Gregory, L. Adams, M. Aikman, J. Good, R. H. Brett, and W. Webb.

That Bro. J. Wilkinson write the address to our Connexion for the next Conference.

That Bro. McClure write the address to the English Connexion next Conference.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to our President for his impartial and efficient services in the chair.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Secretary for his very efficient services.

(Signed,) J. H. ROBINSON, *President.*
J. C. WATTS, *Secretary.*

Conference Chapel,
Welland Canal, June 7th, 1852.

BENEFICENT SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Members of this Society, it was resolved, that the Revised Constitution of the Beneficent Society, adopted by the Conference in 1845, be inserted in the new edition of our Discipline, as the law of the Institution; and that the provisions of the said Constitution be strictly attended to at every future Conference.

ADDRESS

TO THE

CONNEXION.

Beloved Brethren,—

By the good providence of God, we have been permitted to assemble together in our Annual Conference, as the Ministers and messengers of our Churches; and again the pleasing, yet important duty devolves upon us of addressing to you our fraternal greetings and counsels. Charged with the sacred and responsible task of representing your wishes, watching over your spiritual interests—and devising means to advance the principles and institutions which are dear to our hearts as they are to yours, we have felt the need of Divine assistance and guidance, rightly and usefully to fulfil our mission, so that our deliberations might tend to the glory of God, the salvation of souls, and the consolidation and prosperity of our community. We rejoice to testify that the great Head of the Church has been present with us, specially in our public religious services, and to a gracious and unusual degree, in our Conferential intercourse. The services of the sanctuary have been times of peculiar refreshing from the

presence of the Lord. The spirit of power has descended upon our hearts; and with grateful and exulting emotions we have been compelled to exclaim, "Master it is good for us to be here." These visitations from on high we regard as tokens of the divine approval, and as manifest indications of the saving character of our doctrines and ordinances, and of the divine call of those who have spoken to us the word of life.

In our Conference deliberations we have been favored with unusual harmony of feeling and opinion; and though much important business has been transacted—and many difficulties have been confronted, the spirit manifested has been that of men "whose hearts the Lord has touched," and who have but one aim—the glory of God, and the salvation of souls. It rejoices our hearts to perceive the growing intelligence, aptitude, and usefulness of our Ministers—and the order and dispatch with which young and old seem prepared to carry out our excellent connexional discipline. The years of toil and trial which the pioneers of our community had to spend in raising our standards—surveying our field of action, and planting our artillery were not employed in vain. The field may not yet be won, but there has been no retreat. The campaign is not finished but the ground is made sure—the bastions are strengthened—the army, notwithstanding the ravages of death, or the cowardice of occasional desertions, is greatly increased. Our standards still wave on the breeze, and both our convictions and our experience induce us to expect a future more distinctive than the past, in success and triumph. May all our people imbibe the true spirit of soldiers of the cross, and so "fight the good fight of faith," as to "lay hold on eternal life."

Passing from these occasions for mutual congratulation, and thankfulness to God, permit us to invite your serious and prayerful attention to several points of vital importance to your own souls, and the strength and prosperity of the Connexion.

And, first, we may not omit the word of exhortation as to the state of your own souls in grace, and the means indicated by the Head of the Church for your growth in piety, usefulness, and fitness for heaven. We trust that the cultivation of the gift of God within you, is the object of your most anxious and diligent attention. Grace is a treasure of which many foes would rob us. Grace is a trust which the endowments of an Archangel were not too high to guard and to employ. Grace is the salt wherewith the earth is to be salted—the light wherewith it is to be illuminated—and a charm which a renovated world shall exhibit in the sight of angels and of men. What manner of men, then, ought we to be in all holy conversation and Godliness? How watchful, prayerful, and devoted to God, ought we to be. How constantly should the claims and obligations of our holy profession be present to our minds and hearts; and how richly should we be baptized with the Holy Ghost that we may meet them. We entreat you as help to this end, diligently to attend all the means of grace established among us. Let the word of God dwell in you richly. Seek the counsel and the sympathy of your christian friends in your class meetings, and improve the gift you possess, by active and devoted labours in those departments of usefulness which the Church opens to its members. Let the cross of Christ be the object of your contemplation. The exhibition of his love will rouse the pious emotions of your hearts, and lead you to embrace with mighty faith the glorious atonement of the Son of God. A view of the Saviour's agony will not only draw out the sympathies of our nature, but will present *sin* to you in its proper character,—as hideous, hateful, and dangerous; and cause you to shudder even at the thoughts of transgressing the holy law of God. It will quicken your moral powers, and constrain you to live, and labour for the promotion of the Divine glory. Keep your eye of faith also on the crown of glory laid up for you in Heaven.

This will inspire with the *hope*, and fill you with the *joy*, experienced by the noble Apostle Paul, when incarcerated in a dungeon, bound with chains, and apprehending a dreadful death. Let your character, and conduct, dear brethren, in the various spheres of life, in which the providence of God has placed you, ever comport with the dignity of your position and the character of that Saviour, whose you are, and whose principles you profess to adopt. Hold up the hands of your Ministers, and heartily co-operate with them in every rightly directed effort to establish purity and enlarge the Church of God. Oh! brethren, live for eternity ; fill your place *well*, it will soon be vacant, and your glory in eternity will be proportionate to your present faith and usefulness. Dear brethren, we labour under great disadvantages, resulting from a lack of suitable labourers. Important stations are opened to us, which we find it impossible to occupy, (and which very materially impedes the progress of our cause,) simply because we have not *the men* to fill them. We would therefore urge it upon you as a matter of special interest, and importance that you make earnest, fervent, and believing prayer to God for an increase of labourers. This is essential to the proper cultivation of the vineyard into which God has sent us.

We trust that you will concur with us in the opinion that an increase of our funds is desirable. Nay, if we are to go forward as we ought, an increase is absolutely indispensable. Make it a point of duty, a principle, never to allow a Minister to leave without the entire amount of his salary. His appearance cannot be creditable to you, his mind free, and his labours agreeable to himself, if you do not try to meet his demands upon you ; you have his services, he has a right to your support.

The Beneficent, Paternal and Chapel Funds, have had the special attention of Conference. They have strong claims

upon your support; and as we have requested the Ministers to bring these matters before the Quarterly Meetings, and strive to adopt such measures as shall secure an increased subscription, we trust you will feel it a pleasing duty to aim at placing these funds in such a state, as shall promote the comfort of your Ministers, and secure the Chapel property of the Connexion.

We cannot conclude, brethren, without directing your attention to the claims of the rising generation upon you. Many of you are parents; suffer us to remind you of the responsibility of your position. You are amenable to the bar of God for the manner in which you discharge the duties devolving upon you. It depends much upon the direction you give to the tender twigs which are now under your cultivation; whether they shall bloom with the beauty, and bear the fruit of the vine; or shed around them the deadly influence of the upas. Train them for God, and eternity. We should be rejoiced to see you take a deeper interest in Sabbath School efforts; they are an auxiliary of incalculable value to the Church. Aim at doing all you can through this agency.

And now in conclusion, brethren, we assure you of our attachment to you, and ardent desire for your spiritual improvement. May the great Head of the Church guide you into all truth, and bring you to his eternal joy. Amen.

Signed, J. H. ROBINSON, *Chairman.*
J. C. WATTS, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS

OF THE

CANADIAN CONFERENCE

TO THE

ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

Respected Fathers and Brethren,—

The return of another Conference calls us to the pleasurable duty of expressing to you our undiminished respect, gratitude, and affection. We consider it an honour to stand identified with a body so scripturally constituted, with a ministry so talented, and a membership so respectable, pious, and efficient as we believe you to be. And we assure you that our union with you is not one of name, doctrine, and polity merely; but one of principle and warm attachment. And we hope and pray that no circumstance may ever occur to weaken even a single fibre of the strong cord which unites us.

The earnest and fervent prayer of our hearts is, that the Great Head of the Church may pour out a copious shower of Divine Grace upon you and the whole of your Missionary

Fields; that the piety of the Church may increase, the work of God revive, and an addition of many thousands be made to our beloved Zion. Such a consummation would afford a pleasing evidence of our union with the Saviour, and present to other Churches and the world, irrefragable proof of the Divine approbation of our principles and labours.

Such a baptism would also qualify us for more extensive usefulness, by placing in our possession more abundant means and instrumentality for accomplishing our part in promoting the object of the Redeemer's Mission to our earth, namely, the salvation of depraved and guilty souls.

We are not insensible to the fact, that, under God we are indebted to you for a considerable amount of that influence we are able to exert in promoting the Divine Glory, and that as a matter of justice, we are bound to present you our warmest thanks for the liberal assistance you have so cheerfully rendered us. And conscious that the most acceptable return we can make you for your bounty, is to aim at producing the greatest amount of good possible with the means you have placed at our disposal; it shall be our aim to secure, through faith and prayer, an abundant measure of the Holy Spirit's influence; and to put forth in this great and glorious work, the vigorous exercise of those powers with which God has endowed us. And thank God, we have much to encourage us to labour. Our past efforts have been crowned with success. The hearts of our people are with us. Several important openings present themselves to claim our attention.

Our polity is not only *just* but *popular*, and all we want to enable us to occupy one of the most commanding positions in this country is, a richer baptism of the spirit, more men of ability and experience, and the pecuniary snpport which an increased agency would demand. Pray for us, brethren, that

the Lord of the harvest may give us many sheaves out of this extensive field.

Our statistics present an increase of membership, not so extensive as we could wish, yet affording cause for gratitude, and an indication of the favour of God, and encouraging and stimulating us to increased exertion.

On some of our stations the life, verdure, and beauty of a moral spring are conspicuous; but others, we are sorry to say, present the aspect of winter—coldness and torpor. May the quickening rays of the Sun of Righteousness shed their choicest influence over *every part* of our extensive field, and the *whole* become radiant and lovely with the Divine glory.

We feel pleasure in informing you that our funds are in a state of progression, still there is much room for improvement, and we trust we shall in future imitate more closely your example of noble hearted benevolence. We are much gratified to be able to state that the deliberations and discussions of our Conference have been conducted in a most harmonious and able manner. Nothing has transpired to imprint a single stain upon the pure banner of love which has waved over the brotherhood.

With painful emotions we have to record the death of three of our beloved ministers; one of whom (our respected brother Jackson,) travelled extensively amongst you, and endeared himself to many of your hearts. Their toil is over—they have entered upon their rest, and the enjoyment of their reward.

We feel to be laid under great obligations to you for supplying the place of our beloved brother Crofts, with a minister so experienced, talented, and devoted, as our valued and beloved brother Robinson evidently is. We feel our

hearts united to him, and we trust that when he shall be relieved from the oppressive duties of a station, which he has held in connection with the duties of the superintendency, he will be able to travel through many of our Circuits; when the excellent plans he will be able to suggest, and the influence he will (in connection with our beloved brother W. McClure,) be able to exert, will very materially advance the interests of our cause in this country.

May God prolong their lives, and grant them health, happiness, and abundant success.

As regards our ministrations we are determined to give the greatest prominence to those fundamental doctrines, to which you have directed our attention in your valuable address. By God's help we will propagate no opinions which are at variance with scripture—which are not purely evangelical.

We feel bound to utter distinctly, and to hold tenaciously the great doctrines of our beloved Methodism, believing those doctrines to be drawn from the pure fountain of truth; and to use every legitimate means to effect our great object, the salvation of immortal souls. And now Fathers and Brethren, we heartly reciprocate the sentiments of affection you have so kindly uttered to us. We respect you, we love you; we pray that you may become a thousand times as many more as you are; that we may move with you in the same glorious direction, and may mutually present to the world the aspect of a Church "fair as the moon, bright as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

Signed in behalf of the Conference,

J. H. ROBINSON, *President.*
J. C. WATTS, *Secretary.*

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE CHAPEL RELIEF FUND.

Dr. 1852. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance on hand,....	4	17	11	By cash paid London N. Circuit, transferring and Registering property, &c.,.....	2	10	0
" cash subs'n, specially collected to pay ac't, Owen Sound, Sullivan Chapel:				By paid O. Sound (Pritchard Chapel,) by order of Conference, ...	1	7	6
Rev. T. Howard, 20 0							
Mr. Gurnsy,..... 5 0							
	1	5	0				
To collec. on Circuits, viz.:—				Bal. in Treasur. hands,	8	12	6
London North,.... 4 6							
Howard, ... 2 6							
Waterford, ...20 2							
St. Thomas,.....10 0							
Malahide,..... 5 0							
Norwich 6 3							
Toronto City,.....20 0							
Whitchurch,..... 5 0							
Ancaster, ...15 10							
Manvers 4 8							
Newcastle, ... 5 0							
Dunham,..... 4 0							
Drummond, ... 3 3							
Welland Canal,...13 2							
Lansdown, ... 8 9							
	9	7	1				
£	12	10	0	£	12	10	0

R. H. BRETT,

Financial Secretary.

Toronto, June 9th, 1852.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE PATERNAL FUND.

Dr. 1852. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
To Balance on hand, ...	0	7	1
" Cash receiv., Annual English Grant,.....	30	0	0
" Cash annual collection on Circuits,.....	.....		
London, ...	1	16	6
London North,.....	0	6	6
Blanshard, ...	0	1	7
St. Thomas,.....	1	1	1
Howard, ...	0	12	6
Malahide	0	12	6
Norwich	1	2	6
Waterford.....	1	7	9
Hamilton	1	15	0
Ancaster..... 10 1			
Mr. Decow..... 10 0			
———	1	0	1½
W. Canal.....	1	1	7
Barton.....	1	5	0
Lake Erie.....	0	3	9
Nassagaweya	0	19	2
Cayuga	0	10	0
Mr. Good..... 20 0			
Toronto Collection 45 0			
Rev J H Robinson. 10 0			
———	3	15	0
Brock	0	6	0
Whitchurch	0	6	3
Trafalgar	0	16	4
Caledon	0	5	3
Cavan	0	18	7
Crosby	0	17	10
Drummond	0	12	0
Manvers	1	2	6
Bolton.....	0	3	6
Oxford.....	0	7	0
Newcastle	0	5	0
Lansdown.....	0	7	3
Fitzroy & Goulburn.....	0	6	3
Stukely	0	10	0
Dunham	0	19	0
Stanstead	0	6	3
Elizabethtown	0	10	0
To Bal. due Treasurer...	1	7	4
£	58	5	0

	£	s.	d.
By paid viz.:—			
J. Bell, ...	5	5	0
C. Curry, ...	4	17	0
L. P. Adams,.....	2	0	5
J. Breakenridge, ...	4	17	0
J. Curwell, ...	2	8	6
A. Wright,.....	1	4	3
Wm. H. Coates, ...	2	8	6
J. Hales,.....	3	5	0
F. E. Powers, ...	2	0	5
W. Robinson,.....	2	0	5
T. Rump,.....	2	0	5
W. Preston,.....	2	8	6
D. D. Rolston, ...	1	4	3
J. Shelton,.....	5	5	0
J. Wilkinson,.....	2	0	5
F. G. Weaver,.....	1	4	3
C. Childs,.....	1	4	3
J. Simpson, ...	1	17	5
T. Goldsmith, ...	1	4	3
J. Oates,.....	2	12	4
T. M. Jeffries,.....	1	4	3
B. Haigh, ...	1	4	3
H. Bursall, ...	2	0	5
F. Hunt,.....	2	8	6
£	58	5	0

R. H. BRETT,
Financial Secretary.

Toronto, June 9, 1852.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE BENEFICENT FUND.

Dr. 1852. **Cr.**

1852, June 9,	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance on hand last year,	57	18	2	By cash Loans out on Mortgage at Interest, by order of the Trustees,	150	0	0
To cash re'd amount of a Mortgage, Rev. T. T. Howard,	150	0	0	" Paid the annuity of the late Rev. J. Jackson, last year in advance,	10	0	0
To am't English annual Grant	30	0	0	" a bad *Montreal* Bank note taken by the Treasurer,	1	5	0
" Cash amount J. Caswell's note,	3	0	0				
" Subscriptions of Ministers: Rev. T. Ayden 25s, J. C. Warren 40s, J. Shelton 40s, T. Rump 25s, J. Wilkinson 25s, E. Wilkinson 25s,	9	0	0	" Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, viz.:			
Sub. &c., on Circuits: Cayuga 10s, Trafalgar 15s, Brock 7s 10d, Caledon 2s 7d, Cavan 2s 8d, Crosby 4s 10d, Drummond 4s 4d, Lansdown 2s 2d, Elizabethtown 3s 11d,	2	13	4	Securities on hand,	380	19	4
Mr. Good 20s, Rev. J. H. Robinson 10s, J. Doel 5s, J. Foster 2s 6d, W. Sharpe 2s 6d, R. H. Brett 10s,	2	10	0	Cash on hand,	107	12	6
To the Interest account Cash re'd, £13 10s.,							
do. do. 6s.,	13	16	0				
To the total amount of the Loan bearing and not bearing interest, viz.:—							
On Mortg., £225 0 0							
On pro. notes, 82 15 6							
On property, 10 0 0							
On Loan to the Connex. not having in'st, 63 4 4							
	380	19	4				
£	649	16	10	£	649	16	10

R. H. BRETT,
Financial Secretary.

Toronto, June 9th, 1852.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE MISSION FUND.

Dr. 1852. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Treasurer's hands for last year,		5	11	By printing the Missi. Report,		16	8
" Grant from the parent Connexion in England, by the hands of Gen. Sup. &c.,	599	0	0	" paid Travelling expenses to Montreal, (Rev. W. McClure)		7	10
" Cash received for a pair of stockings, a gift from the Caledon Circuit,		3	2	" Trav. exp. & Post. on Conn. Bus., Rev. W. McClure,		3	17
" Collec. at the Anniversary,		1	13	" " Print. and Sta. £2 1 4			
				" " Postages, - - 2 5 10			
				" " Acct. Books - 0 14 6			
				Per Gen. Sup. Robinson,		5	1
				" Paid remov. furniture, &c.,		1	10
Local contributions &c., London District.	609	4	11	" " Moving exp. of Rev. A. Wright to London District,		5	0
London Town, . £62 2 0				" " " " of Rev. W Bothwell to Fitzroy, . .		5	0
London, North Cir., 5 14 3				" " Trav. exp. of Rev. D. Rolston to Fitzroy, . . .		3	13
Blanshard, ... 3 7 6				" " the annual Grant to Paternal Fund, ...		30	0
St. Thomas, . . . 8 13 6				" " " " to Ben. Fund		30	0
Howard, ... 10 17 1						108	1
Ekfrid, ... 6 11 9							
Malahide, ... 2 5 0							
Norwich, ... 10 14 7							
Waterford, ... 10 6 3							
	120	11	11	*By paid grants to the London District.*			
Local Sub. &c., Hamilton Dis.				London, . . . £30 0 0			
Hamilton, ... 8 17 6				London North, . . 25 0 0			
Ancaster, Rev. Mr. Wilkinson's Sub. $20, 25 17 1				Blanshard, . . . 25 0 0			
Welland Canal, . . 31 0 4				St. Thomas, . . . 25 0 0			
Barton, ... 10 14 6				Howard, ... 7 10 0			
Lake Erie Mission, . 0 0 0				Ekfrid Mission, . . 20 0 0			
Nassagaweya, . . 20 11 5				Malahide, ... 20 0 0			
Cayuga, ... 7 7 8				Norwich, ... 20 0 0			
Arthur, ... 0 0 0				Waterford, ... 22 2 0			
Sydenham & Durham, 0 0 0						194	12
	104	8	0	*By paid to the Hamilton Dis.*			
Local Sub. Toronto Circuit.				Hamilton, ... 30 0 0			
Toronto City, . . . 45 14 2				Ancaster, ... 30 0 0			
Yorkville £2 17s. 7d., Rev. T. Howard £1, 3 18 7				Welland Canal, . . 35 0 0			
Trafalgar, ... 16 6 2				Barton, ... 18 15 0			
Whitchurch, . . . 18 18 4				Lake Erie, . . . 30 0 0			
Caledon, ... 6 9 0				Nassagaweya, . . 20 0 0			
Brock, ... 15 9 9				Cayuga, ... 20 0 0			
	106	16	0	Arthur, ... 30 0 0			
Cavan District.				Sydenham & Durham 40 0 0			
Cavan, ... 17 10 5						253	15
Manvers, ... 10 11 4				*Toronto District.*			
Newcastle, ... 6 1 3				York & Bluebell Cir., 71 0 0			
South Bay, . . . 1 17 6				Whitchurch, . . . 25 0 0			
Prince Edward, . . 12 1 9				Trafalgar, ... 25 0 0			
	48	2	3	Caledon, ... 30 0 0			
Johnstown District.				Brock, ... 35 0 0			
Crosby, ... 19 10 4						122	10
Elizabethtown, . . 21 19 1				*By Paid Cavan District.*			
Oxford, ... 5 5 5				Cavan, . . . 15 0 0			
Lansdown, ... 21 3 7				Manvers, . . . 35 0 0			
Drummond, . . . 4 11 1				Newcastle, . . 15 0 0			
Fitzroy & Goulburn, 13 16 4				South Bay, . . 12 10 0			
	86	5	10	Prince Edward, . 25 0 0			
						102	10
Carried forward, - £	1075	8	11	Carried forward, - £	781	8	0

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE MISSION FUND.

Dr. 1852,—*continued:* **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward, -	1075	8	11
Eastern Dis., (Canada East.)			
Stanstead & Barnston,	3	18	7
Stukely, ...	6	13	6
Bolton, ...	2	3	8
Dunham, ...	7	15	7
Henrysburg, . . .	4	11	11
Potton, ...	0	17	3
	26	0	6
£	1101	9	5

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward, -	781	8	0
By Paid Johnstown District.			
Crosby, - -	30	0	0
Elizabethtown, -	25	0	0
Oxford, - -	25	0	0
Lansdown, - -	35	0	6
Drummond, - -	25	10	0
Fitzroy & Goulburn,	30	0	0
	170	10	0
East. District, (C. West.)			
Stanstead & Barnston	30	0	0
Stukely, - -	25	0	0
Bolton, - -	20	0	0
Dunham, - -	20	0	0
Henrysburg, -	25	0	0
Potton, - -	20	0	0
	140	0	0
By paid Norwich Circuit Cash entered last year as supposed collected at that Circuit,	4	5	9
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	5	5	8
£	1101	9	5

R. H. BRETT,

Financial Secretary.

Toronto, June 9, 1852.